1	2	3	4	5
22	Orissa	40.92	43.70	50.51
23	Pondicherry	0.77	0.94	0.91
24	Punjab	21.76	17.44	23.82
25	Rajasthan	54.99	67.58	70.57
26	Tamil Nadu	54.30	25.67	30.16
27	Uttar Pradesh	51.18	45.63	62.48
28	Uttaranchal	16.10	15.80	19.10
29	West Bengal	29.87	18.50	24.08

Proposal for national waterways in Andhra Pradesh

738. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry has received any proposals from the State Government of Andhra Pradesh to declare as National Waterways the river Godavari between Bhadrachalam and Rajamundry; river Krishna from Wazirabad to Prakasham Barrage, integrated with Kakinada canal, Eluru canal, Commamur canal and Buckingham canal as National Waterways;

(b) if so, the latest status of the proposal;

(c) the conclusions of the study made by Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI) in this regard; and

(d) by when this proposal is likely to be given clearance?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) and (b) Government of India is considering a proposal to declare Wazirabad-Vijayawada stretch of Krishna river, Bhadraehalam - Rajahmundry stretch of Godavari river along with Kakinada-Puducherry canals (consisting of Kakinada canal, Eluru canal, Commamur canal, Buckingham canal and Kaluvelly tank) having total length of 1095 km. as a National Waterway. The Bill for declaration of this Waterway as National Waterway had been introduced in Lok Sabha on 8.12.06 and subsequently referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Transport, Tourism and Culture for its examination and report. The Committee in its 122nd Report of August 2007 has recommended to introduce the Bill in Parliament after taking fresh concurrence from the concerned State Governments. The Bill is being taken up for consideration and passing during the current Session of the Parliament.

(c) The study taken up by Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI) reveals that the said waterway system has the potential to be developed as a National Waterway with Financial Internal Rate of Return (FIRR) of 13.54%. The projected cargo is 6.42 million tonnes in 10th year after the waterway is fully developed. The estimated cost of development is Rs 542 crore at 2002 prices and the expected period of completion is 5 years after its declaration as National Waterway.

(d) The Bill for the proposed National Waterway is being taken up for consideration and passing during the current session of the Parliament.

Funds for MP NHs

†739. SHRI RAGHUNANDAN SHARMA: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the amount allocated by the Central Government for the maintenance of National Highways in Madhya Pradesh during last three years and the amount utilized out of this allocated fund;

(b) whether this amount has lapsed in any year;

(c) if so, in which year and the amount lapsed;

(d) the amount allocated by the Central Government for the construction of new National Highways in Madhya Pradesh during last three years, the amount utilized out of this allocated amount and the amount lapsed without utilization; and

(e) whether lapsed amount could be reallocated in next financial year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) to (c) The amount allocated and utilised for maintenance of National Highways in the State of Madhya Pradesh during last three years are as under:

Sl.No.	Year	Allocation (Rs.in crore)	Expenditure (Rs.in crore)	Amount Unutilized (Rs.in crore)
1.	2005-2006	56.42	53.44	2.98
2.	2006-2007	58.70	52.65	6.05
3.	2007-2008	58.38	57.95	0.43

(d) There is no separate allocation for construction of new National Highways. However, the amount allocated and utilised for development and construction of National Highways in the State of Madhya Pradesh during the last three years are as under:

Sl.No.	Year	Allocation (Rs.in crore)	Expenditure (Rs.in crore)	Amount Unutilized (Rs.in crore)
1.	2005-2006	74.00	73.59	0.41
2.	2006-2007	83.00	82.93	0.07
3.	2007-2008	65.00	64.91	0.09

(e) No, Sir.

International shipyards in Gujarat

740. SHRI NATUJI HALAJI THAKOR: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 3352 given in the Rajya Sabha on 24th April, 2008 and state:

(a) whether sites for setting up of two international size shipyards in Gujarat on West/East coasts have been identified;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.